

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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| <b>PAUL SPRENG,</b>                  | : | <b>CIVIL ACTION</b> |
| <b>Petitioner</b>                    | : |                     |
|                                      | : |                     |
| <b>vs.</b>                           | : | <b>NO. 13-2904</b>  |
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| <b>SUPT. BRIAN THOMPSON, et al.,</b> | : |                     |
| <b>Respondents</b>                   | : |                     |

**ORDER**

**AND NOW**, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017, upon careful and independent consideration of the petition for writ of *habeas corpus*, and after review of the thorough and well-reasoned Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Marilyn Heffley, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, in accordance with the accompanying Memorandum, that:

1. Upon *de novo* review, the petitioner's Objections are OVERRULED.
2. The petition for writ of *habeas corpus* is DENIED with prejudice.
3. The Report and Recommendation is APPROVED and ADOPTED.
4. There is no probable cause to issue a certificate of appealability.

The Clerk of Court is directed to mark this case CLOSED for all purposes.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ **Lawrence F. Stengel**  
LAWRENCE F. STENGEL, J.